

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method for operating a network for the interconnection of computers having a server and a client, comprising the steps of:

storing at least one datafile on said server that is executable in said server
and in said client;

calling said datafile by said client by sending a corresponding datafile address
to said server;

transmitting said datafile by said server to said client in response to said
calling said datafile by said client;

using said transmitted executable datafile, inquiring by said client to said
server, which is a queried server, for a specific service offered by said
server, said client using specific parameters of said service;

determining by said queried server whether it can perform said inquired
service;

if said server can perform said service, said ~~service~~ server performs said
service ~~by said server;~~ and

if said server cannot perform said service, using said transmitted executable
datafile, either said server or said client switches said client to a further
server ~~or device~~ connected to said network that is capable of executing
said service ~~using said transmitted datafile for the switching.~~

17. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according
to claim 16, wherein said service offered by said server is executing a print order,
and said method further comprising:

forwarding, by said server, said print order to another server ~~or directly to a printer device when said server itself cannot execute said print order.~~

18. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

storing information about said ~~services~~ service offered by said server in a databank of said server; and

examining said databank to determine if a service is present for an inquiry by said client.

19. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising:

generating an address of a further server or device for said server switching said client to said further server ~~or device~~; and

communicating said address to said client inquiring said server.

20. (previously presented) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising:

installing an interpreter at said server;

interpreting, by said interpreter, language elements executable at said server contained in said datafile;

executing, by said interpreter, said language elements executable at said server; and

executing, by said client, language elements executable at said client contained in said datafile.